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Khrushchev Book a CIA Job?

The Catholic magazine Commonweal says a new book, "The Fall of Khrushchev," was written by two CIA agents but they are not so identified by the publisher.

The publication, in its current issue, said the hiding of CIA affiliation of the book's authors indicates "last year's disclosures of CIA infiltration of allegedly private organizations did not serve to change these practices . . ."

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A spokesman for Funk and Wagnalls said he had no comment on the Commonweal editorial except that the firm's contract with authors William Hyland and Richard Wallace Shyrock forbids the publishers to identify them other than as "employees of the federal government."

Commonweal's editors said that in a telephone conversation Hyland "readily admitted working for the CIA, acknowledged the book was his, and insisted that the dodge was in order to insure that "no one would get the idea that the book represented official policy of the CIA."

Commonweal said "The Fall of Khrushchev," to be published Dec. 11, is one of several planned to help the CIA "legitimize itself by publishing books of high academic caliber."